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During a natural disaster, households and governments must be as prepared as possible to respond and

Federal, state, and local governments should be taking the necessary steps to ensure they are prepared

However, disaster readiness should not solely lie on the shoulders of the government. Individuals must p

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Below you can find links to both Federal and local websites that provide useful information to help protec

[\\* Hurricane Preparedness Checklist \\* \(PDF\)](#)

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### Hurricane Preparedness Information

- [FEMA Hurricane Preparedness Website](#)
  - [National Weather Service Hurricane Awareness](#)
  - [National Hurricane Center](#)
  - [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration \(NOAA\) Coastal Services Center](#)
  - [Glossary of National Hurricane Center Terms](#)
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### Federal and State Resources

- [Florida Division of Emergency Management](#)
  - [Tampa Bay Chapter of the Red Cross](#)
  - [Small Business Administration Disaster Preparedness Guide](#)
  - [Federal Disaster Unemployment Assistance](#)
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### Local Evacuation Levels

- [Pinellas County](#)
  - [Pasco County](#)
  - [Hillsborough County](#)
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### Local Emergency Management Offices

- [Pinellas County Emergency Management](#)
  - [Pasco County Emergency Management](#)
  - [Hillsborough County Emergency Management](#)
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### Storm Tracking

- [National Weather Service](#)
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• [Rep. Bilirakis Introduces Bill to Aid Local Emergency Response](#)

• [Suncoast News: Bilirakis brings FEMA oversight role to Pasco](#)

• [NOAA hurricane outlook indicates an above-normal Atlantic season](#)